

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Halloween in July at Lake Metigoshe State Park**

Lake Metigoshe State Park is hosting the 8th annual "Halloween in July" July 26-28. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring Halloween costumes, candy, decorate campsites and participate in all of the spooky park events. Help LMSP celebrate this frightful event weekend ...if you dare.

Activities start on Friday, July 26, with a haunted trail open from 9:30-11 pm. Parking is available near the entrance of the trail; the overflow parking area is located near the entrance of Washegum Campground. For safety reasons, please do not bring baby strollers, bikes or pets on the trail during the haunted trail. Families with young children are invited to come when the trail opens, while it is still light outside and perhaps less scary. To ensure everyone a chance to walk through the haunted trail, participants are asked to go through no more than twice.

On Saturday, July 27, there are morning and evening activities. From 10-11:30 am, there will be trick-or-treating in the modern campgrounds. Kids not having a costume to wear can meet at the amphitheater to get their faces painted. Campers are encouraged to bring candy for the trick-or-treaters. At 9:30 pm there will be another frightful event taking place at the amphitheater.

Wrapping-up the weekend's programs, Halloween crafts will be made at the amphitheater on Sunday at 10 am.

There will be prizes for the scariest campsites and best trick-or-treat host so don't miss out on this competition! Judging takes place on Saturday morning during and after trick-or-treating. Prizes will be delivered to the campsites that afternoon and announced at the Saturday evening program.

Currently, all of the reservation campsites, cabins and yurt are booked for the weekend, but folks are welcome to obtain first-come, first-serve campsites.

For more information, call 701-263-4651 or check out [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) as all of Lake Metigoshe State Park's interpretive programs and special events are posted on the website. Lake Metigoshe State Park is located 14 miles NE of Bottineau, North Dakota, along the Lake Loop Road, just off of Highway 43.